

boys turn out very well to these meetings and seem very much interested. The band helps out with the music. The Band is very much appreciated and enjoyed by the men, and all of them were delighted to have it back with us again. As the different platoons have come back from their various camps to the Central Camp at Strathcona Farm, it has been amusing and pleasing to hear their expressions when they first realized the band was back.

*August 5, 1918, Monday.* A very quiet night, no bombing and very little shelling. Spent all the morning and to 2 p.m. inspecting work of the platoons. Started on foot and walked over to Brigade Headquarters of 59th Brigade that we are constructing in the cellar of the Couthove Chateau. It is nearly completed and should house General Tyson and his Headquarters very comfortably and safely. From there I walked down to the West Poperinghe line. Soon after beginning the inspection of this trench system, General Godby came up and we went on together inspecting the line from this point to its junction with the East Poperinghe line. We also inspected three brick observation posts we are building. One in a building which has been struck directly by a shell. A shell also struck in the road immediately in front of the building, and badly cracked the walls that we had expected to use. Fortunately both shells struck at night when our men were away. From there we went over to the East Poperinghe line to look at some of the engineering work that the King is expected to examine tomorrow. While there I met Lieutenant-General Plumer, Commanding Officer of the Army to which we are attached. Also visited the Headquarters of the 118th Infantry, but Colonel McCullough was not in. General Godby told me to be over at 2 p.m. the next day when the King would be there.

We came home through Poperinghe. The Germans threw a few shells into the city every day or two.

*August 6, 1918, Tuesday.* This morning I was in the drill field for about an hour watching three of the platoons, E 1, 2, 3, drill. They were making an attack on machine gun positions. Colonel Ferguson was with me most of the time. We had planned to go out to the East Poperinghe line where King George was to inspect our work. At 11:30 a telephone call for the Colonel announced that he was expected in at Watou for the exercises there. He had to leave and that took the car, and I had to make arrangements to use Shanks